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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species I (claims 1-3, and 7) in the reply on 10/31/05 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 4-6, 8, and 9 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Liaw (US6213494; see Figure 1 attached at the end of this Office Action for further explanation).

For claim 1, Liaw discloses a display system for plant displays, wherein said system comprises:

a display support structure;

a first display case;

a first attachment mechanism for attaching said first display case to said display support structure to allow said first display case to pivot between a substantially horizontal

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position for use as a display stand and a substantially vertical position for compact storage;

a second display case; and

a second attachment mechanism for attaching said second display case to said display support structure to allow said second display case to pivot independently from said first display case between a substantially horizontal position for use as a display stand and a substantially vertical position for compact storage.

For claim 2, Liaw discloses said display stand includes:

a first vertical support structure;

a second vertical support structure parallel to and spaced from said first Vertical support structure; and

said first attachment mechanism includes a first fastener securing said first display case to said first vertical support structure for pivoting movement relative to said first vertical support structure; and

a second fastener securing said first display case to said second vertical support structure for pivoting movement relative to said second vertical support structure.

For claim 3, Liaw discloses said display stand includes:

a first vertical support structure;

a horizontal member on said first vertical support structure;

a second vertical support structure parallel to and spaced from said first vertical support structure;

a horizontal member on said second vertical support structure; and

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said first attachment mechanism includes a first fastener securing said first display case to said horizontal member on said first vertical support structure for pivoting movement relative to said first vertical support structure; and
a second fastener securing said first display case to said horizontal member on said second vertical support structure for pivoting movement relative to said second vertical support structure.

For claim 7, Liaw discloses at least one beam extending across the upper end of said support structure for hanging displays from said at least one rail member.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 5/23/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

6. Applicant argues that Liaw does not teach the limitation of attachment mechanism for each display case that allows the display cases to pivot independently from one another, the Examiner disagrees. It is clearly shown in Figure 1 (attached at the end of this Office Action) of Liaw, the attachment mechanism for each display case that allows the display cases to pivot independently from one another.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not


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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

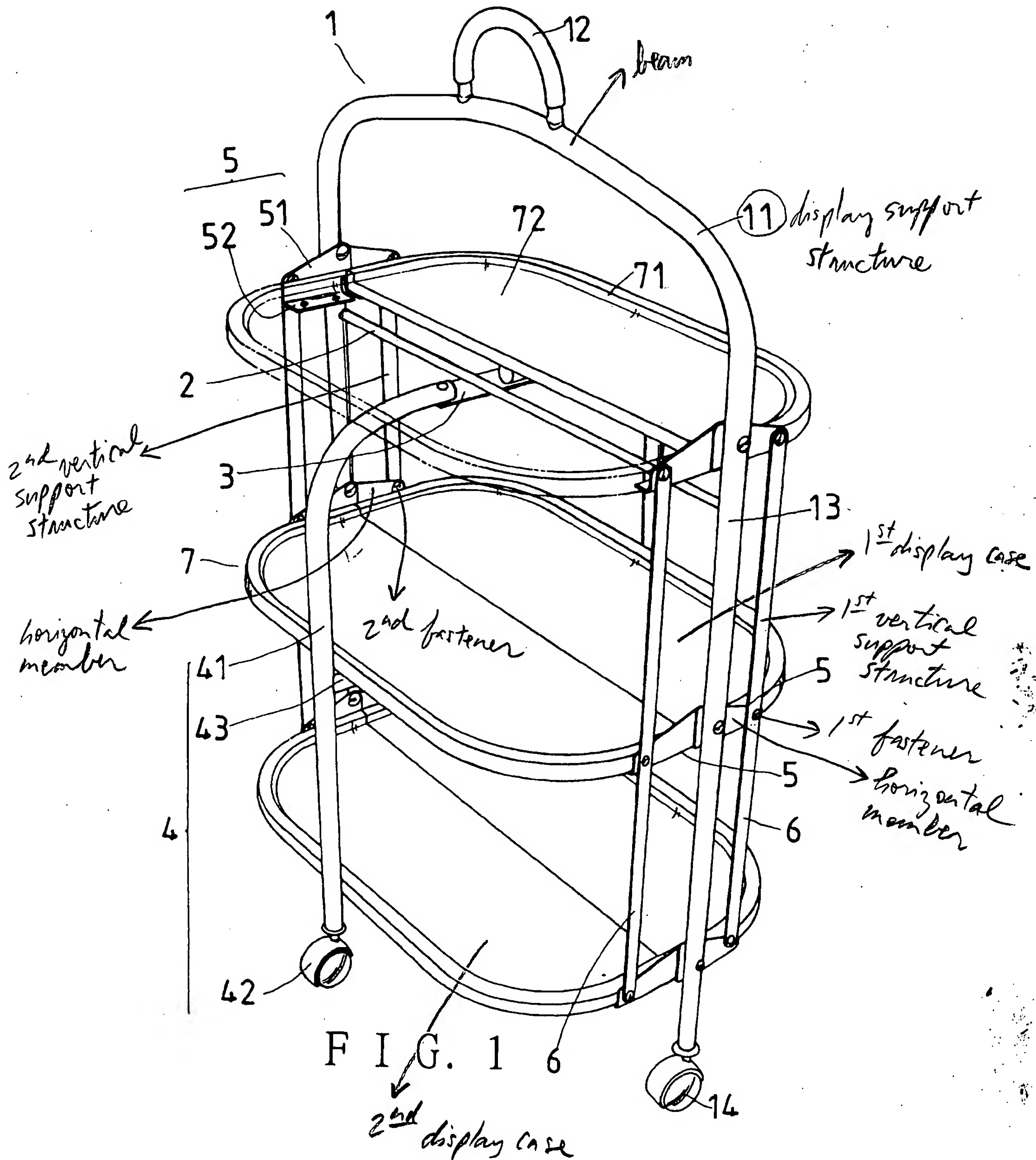
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trinh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 A.M to 6:00 P.M). The examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on (571) 272-7045 for the purpose of status inquiry only. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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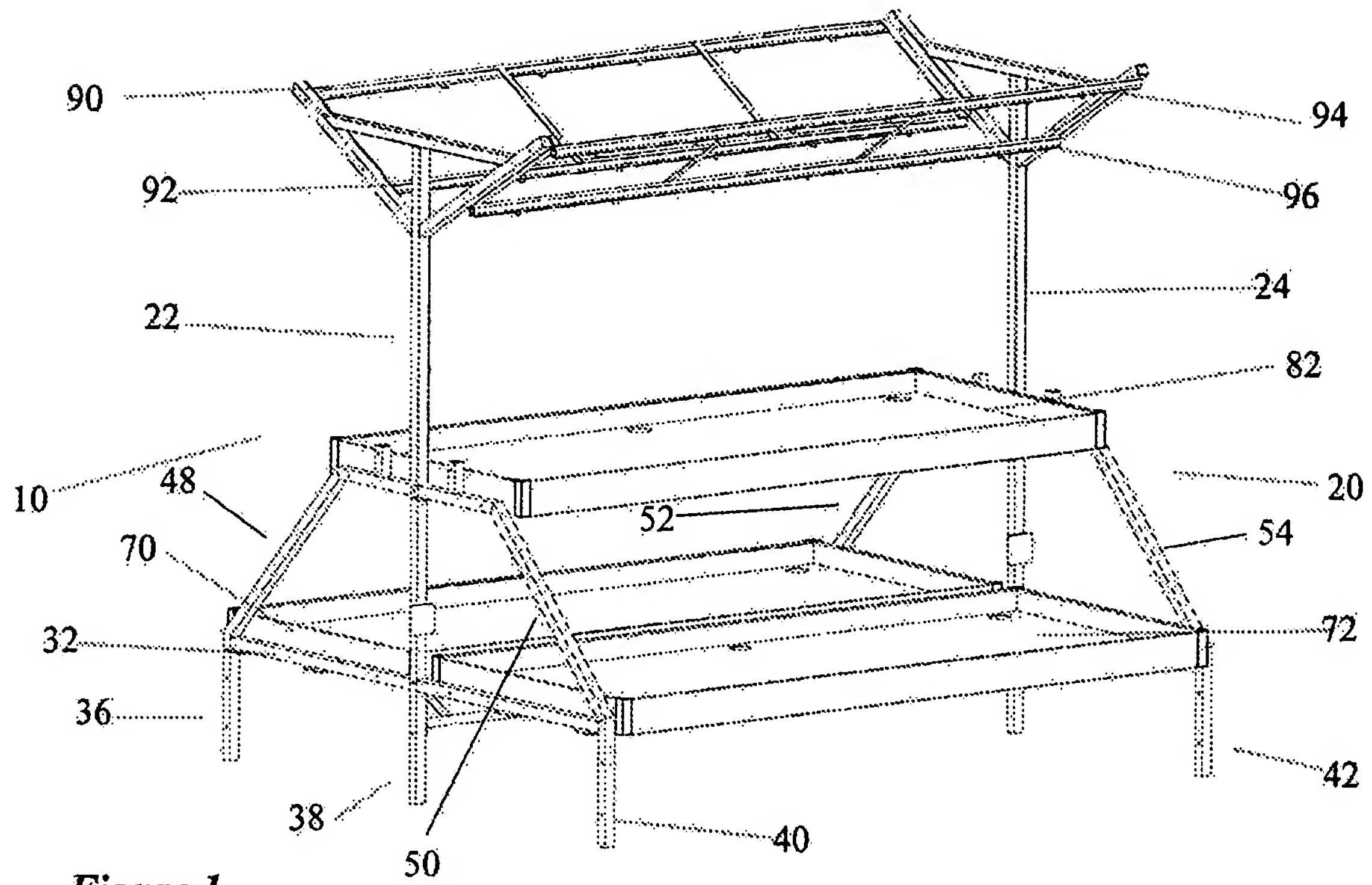


Figure 1

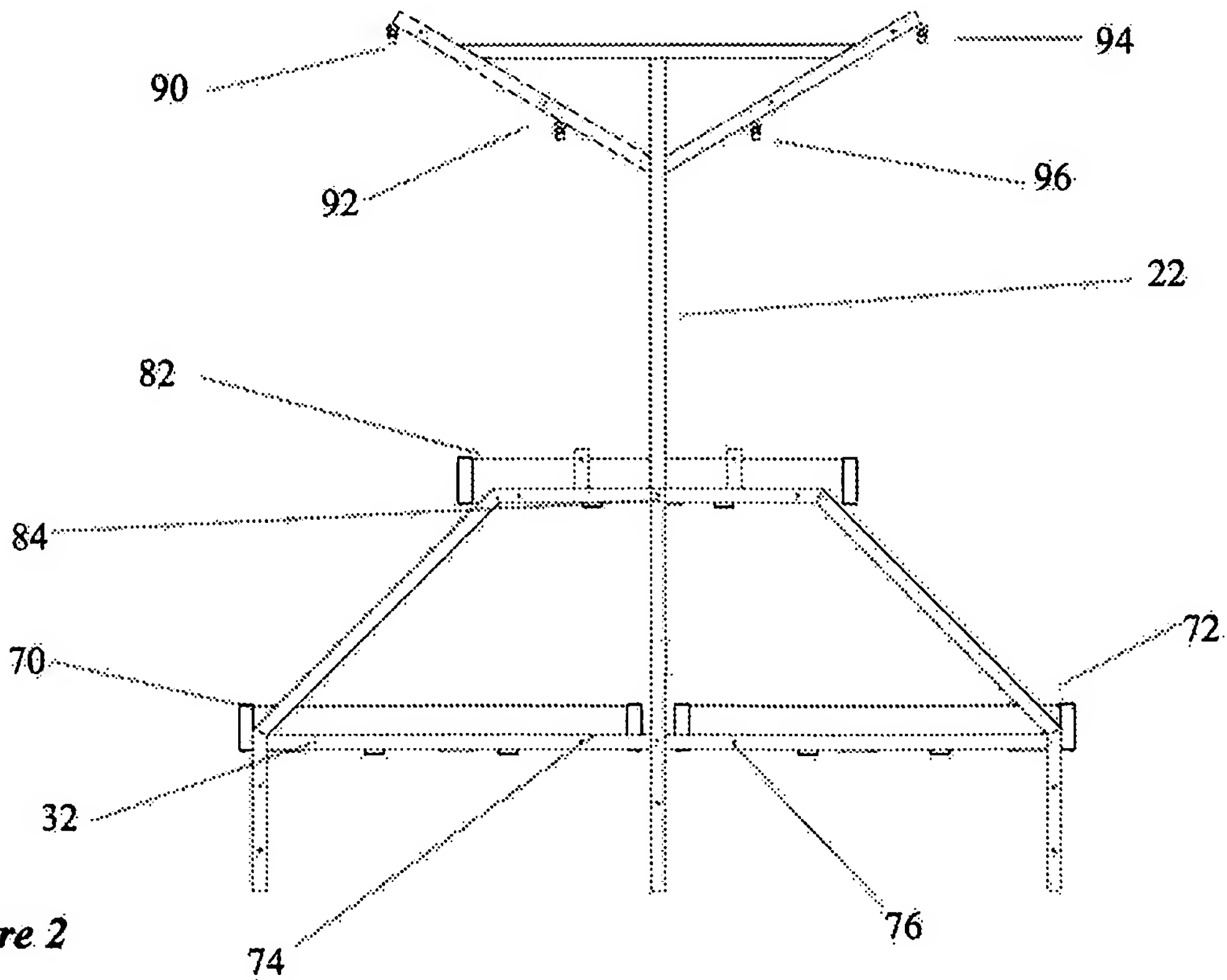


Figure 2

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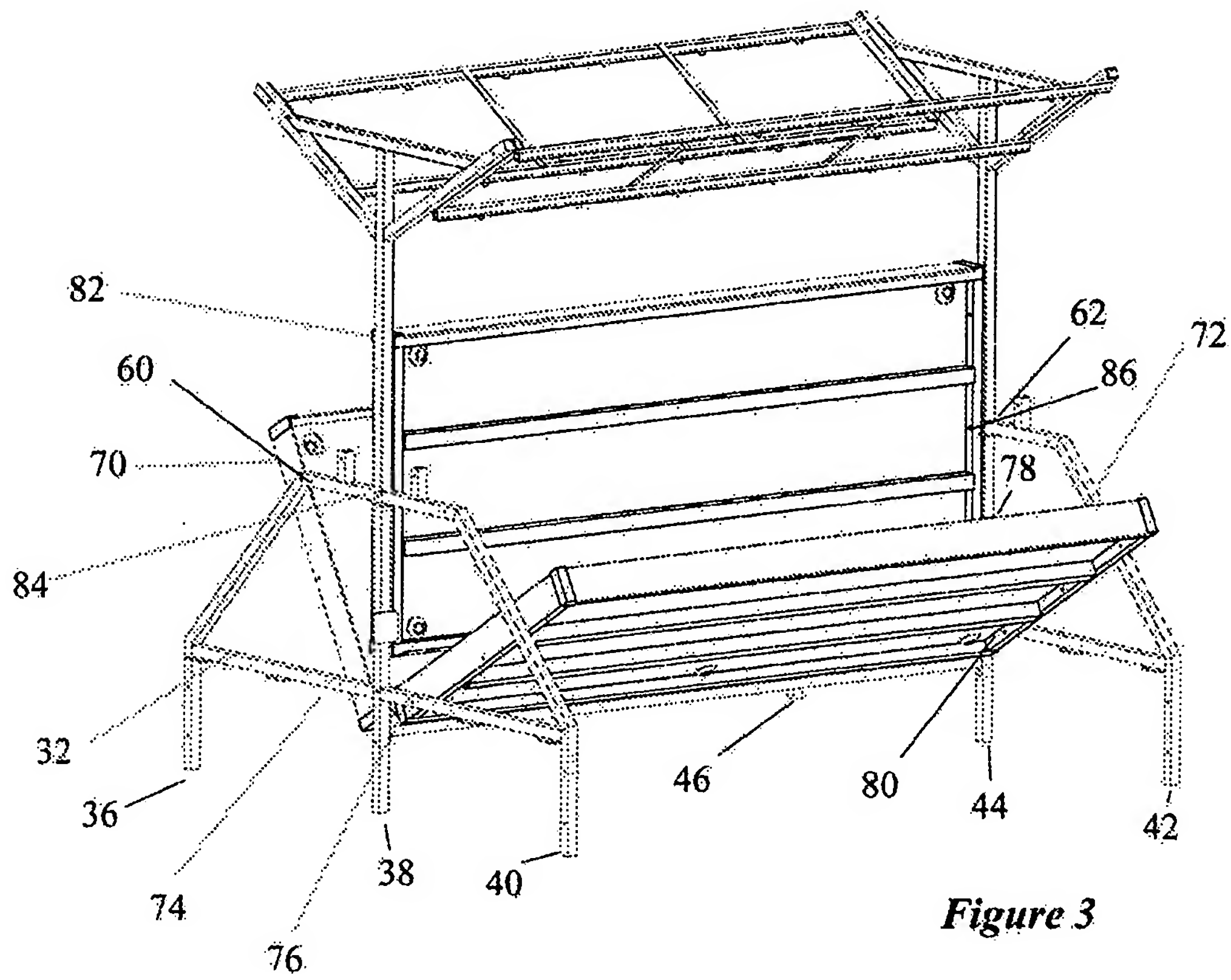


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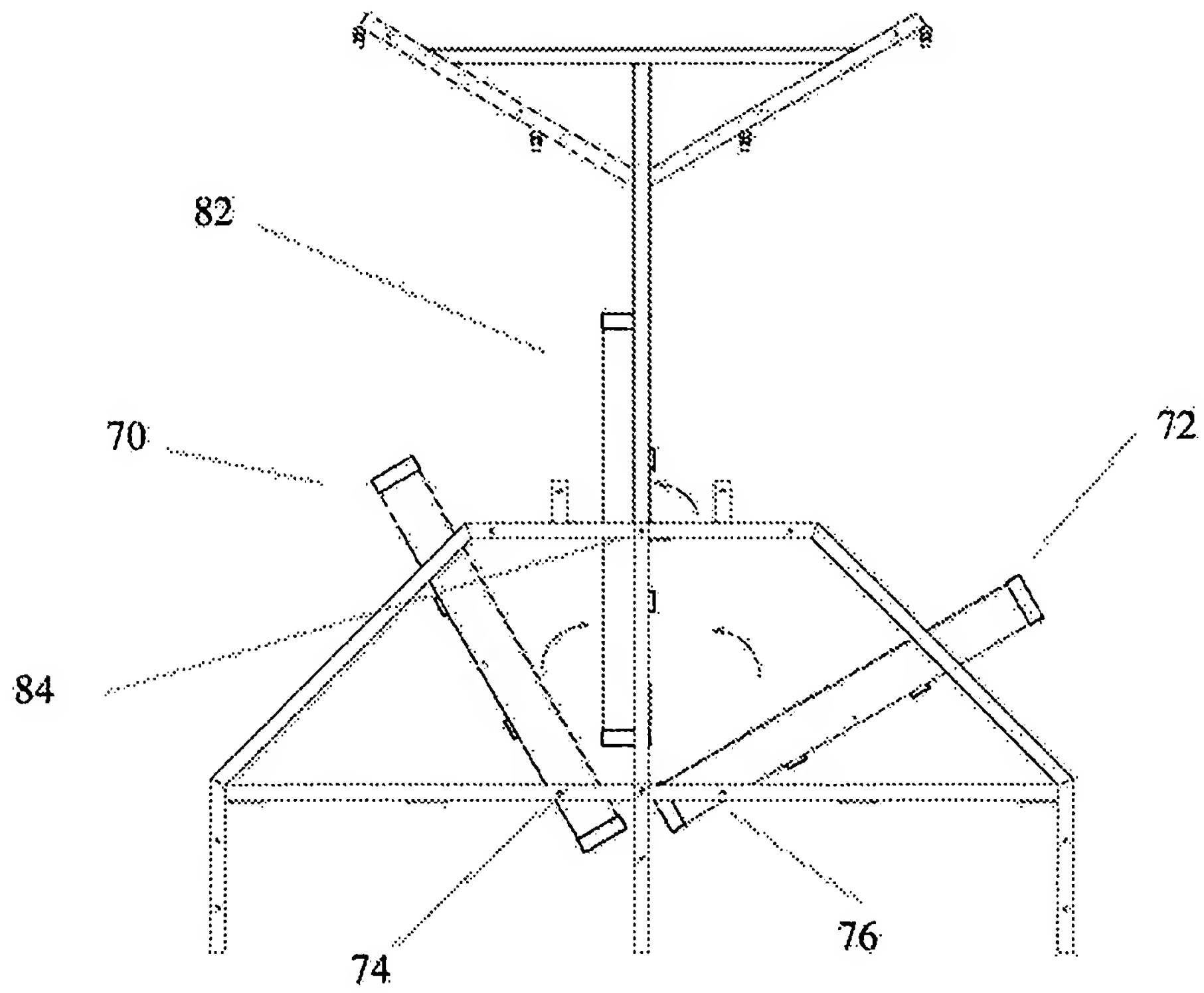


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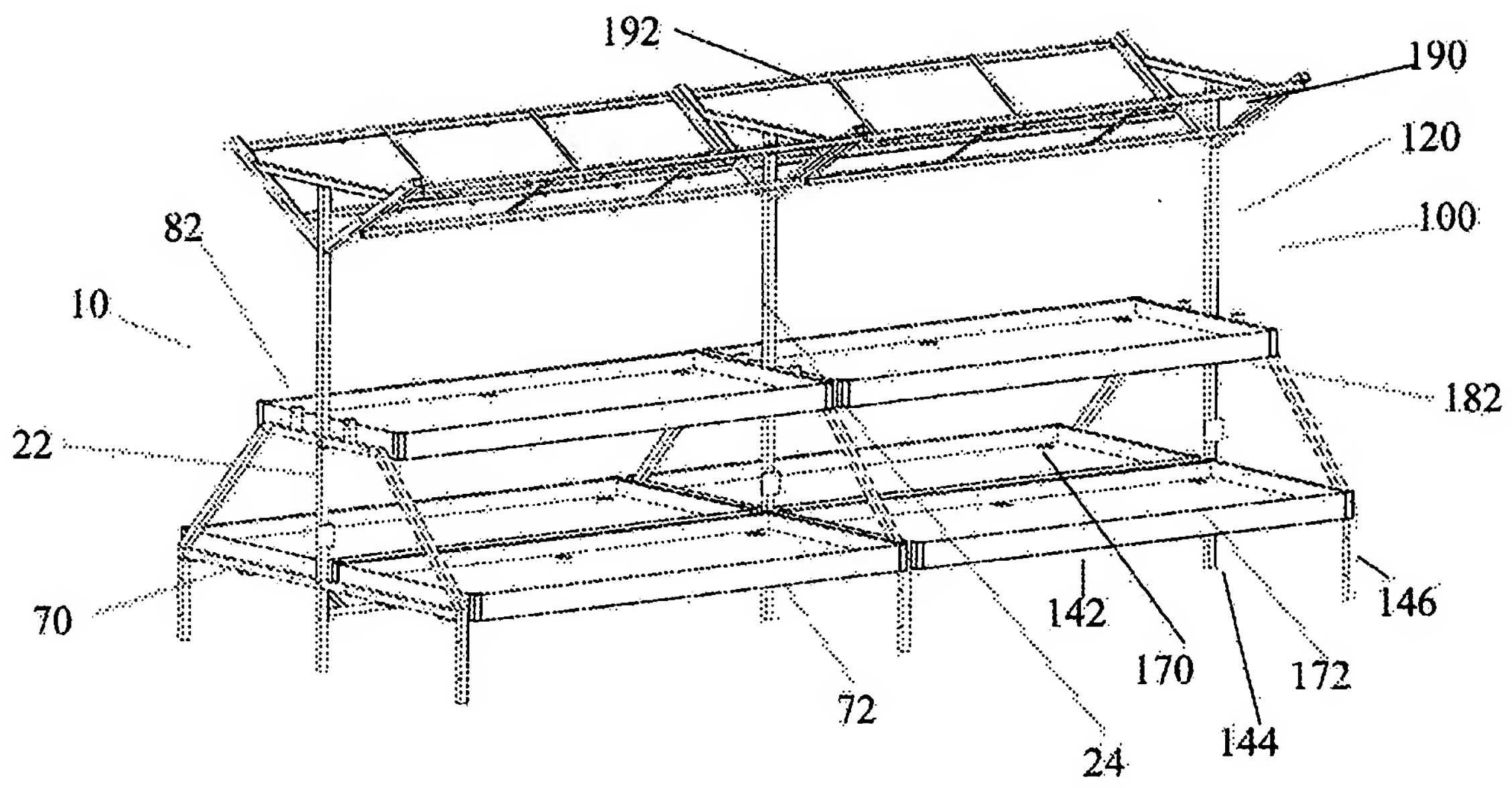


Figure 7

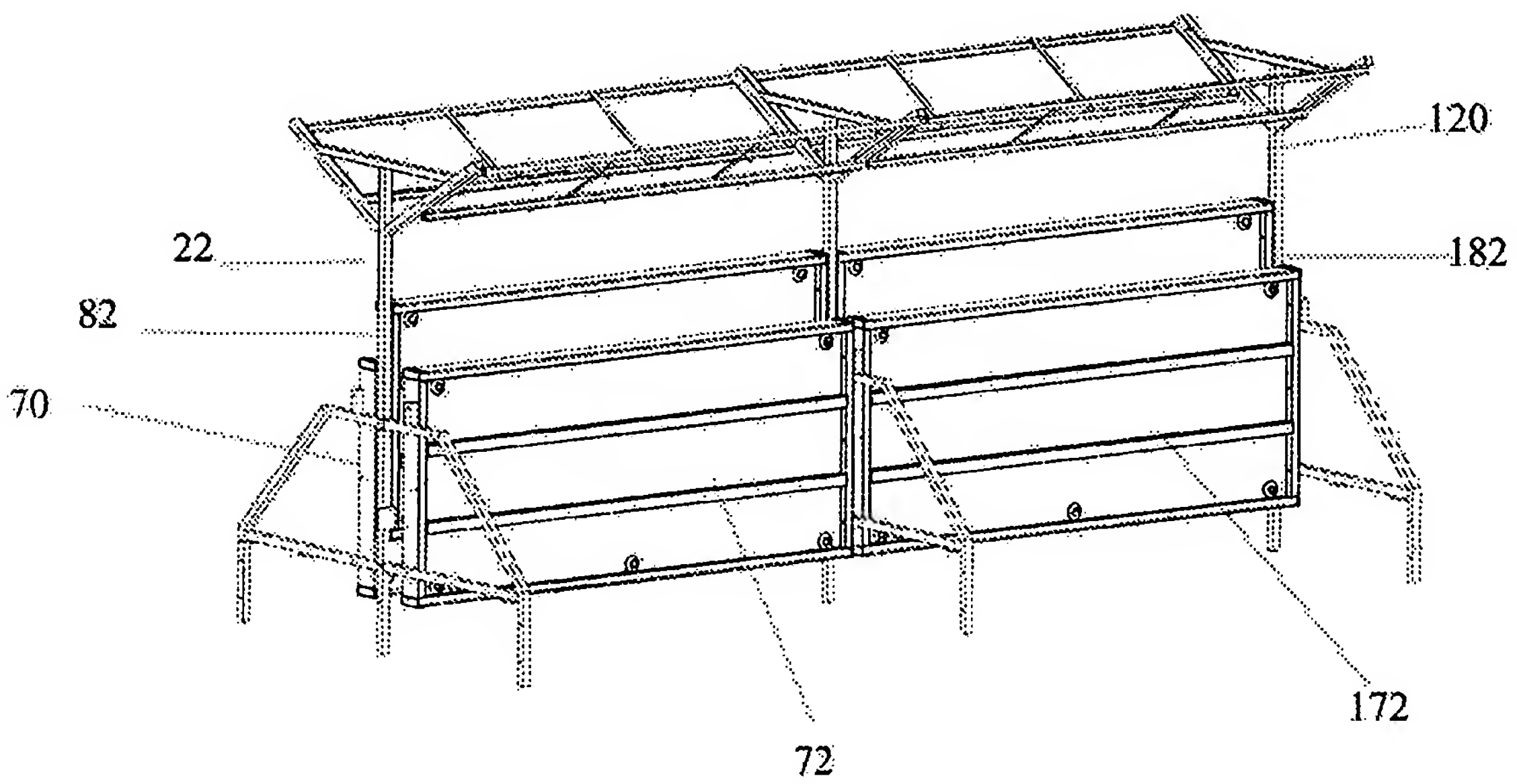


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